

# Hawaii MARINE

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## 3rd Rad returns from Iraq

**Lance Cpl. Bernadette L. Ainsworth**  
*U.S. Marine Forces Pacific*

Twenty-two Marines from 3rd Radio Battalion returned home this month, from a five-month deployment to Iraq.

Based near Fallujah, 3rd Radio Battalion's mission was to provide communications

support and to conduct electronic warfare. While in Iraq, 3rd Radio Battalion didn't see any direct combat, but the battalion did experience indirect fire.

"There were days when the day would drag on. And at night — when you thought everything was normal, we would get hit with indirect fire, usually rockets and mor-

tars," said Staff Sgt. Charles J. Willson, motor transport maintenance chief, 3rd Radio Battalion.

Although Willson left his pregnant wife and two children behind, he didn't let that keep him from accomplishing his mission

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## Warriors, families share the base pool

**Lt. Col. Loren D. Barney**  
*Base Inspector*

Marine Corps Base Hawaii officials have received many queries regarding the purpose and use of the base swimming pool aboard Kaneohe Bay, and leaders have responded that the pool serves several purposes, to include training, recreational swimming and co-use.

### Training

One purpose of the base swimming pool is to conduct training and subsequent testing to advance aquatic skill levels of service members, to include qualification and re-qualification requirements outlined in Marine Corps Order 1500.52B.

The base G-3 Range and Training Management section is the sole point of contact for scheduling unit water survival training at the base pool. If openings exist, training blocks can be scheduled as late as the day prior to a training event through Staff Sgt. John Gollner at 257-8890.

By agreement with Marine Corps Community Services, unit training goes from as early in the morning as units desire to 11 a.m. However, typical hours are 5 to 11 a.m., Tuesdays through Fridays of every week, and also anytime before 12 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Individual units are required to provide their own lifeguards, water survival instructors, corpsmen and safety vehicles for unit training.

### Recreational Swimming

The second purpose of the base pool is to provide recreational swimming and swim instruction for the general base population. MCCS maintains and cleans the base pool, which opens for recreational swimming from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

In the 10 weeks of the summer vacation (June, July and half of August), MCCS conducts youth swim lessons for military children from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. These classes are limited to a maximum of 12 children, supervised by two instructors.

Approximately 420 children learn how to swim during the 10-week period. Once the school year begins, all swim lessons are conducted in the afternoon.

For more information about swimming classes, contact Mr. Harry Sprague at 254-7655.

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## Assault at Bellows



Pfc. Rich Mattingly

**MARINE CORPS TRAINING AREA BELLOWES, Hawaii —** Amphibious assault vehicles, manned by Marines from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, raided the beach during Rim of the Pacific 2004

exercises July 20. RIMPAC, which combined efforts from Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, the Republic of South Korea, the United Kingdom and the U.S., wrapped up Tuesday.

## Applications for SEP due August 10

**Lance Cpl. Megan L. Stiner**  
*Combat Correspondent*

The annual selection board for the Special Education Program (SEP) convenes Sept. 21. Officers interested in participating in the fully funded Graduate Education Program must submit their applications before Aug. 10.

Although applications are only being accepted for a select group of disciplines or job billets, this may be a once in a lifetime opportunity for those individuals.

"It can also be personally and professionally rewarding for the individual officer," said Maj. Jeffrey M. Morgan, acquisitions and graduate education officer with Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MMOA-5), Quantico, Va. "A military graduate degree can enhance one's career both during service and after retirement."

Officers are also required to have a master's degree level of education in order to be accepted into the program.

According to Marine Administration (MARADMIN) message 221/04, filling

these billets is critical for the Marine Corps to meet future informational and technological challenges, and to interact at the appropriate level with its sister services, the civilian military leadership and civilian corporate community.

"Since the length of the SEP training and subsequent utilization tour is approximately five years, it requires individual officers to pay particular attention to managing their career assignments in order to avoid

See *SEP*, A-6

## U.S., Japan leaders wrap up Senior Level Seminar

**Lance Cpl. Bernadette L. Ainsworth**  
*U.S. Marine Forces Pacific*

Senior leaders from the Japanese Ground Self Defense Forces (JGSDF) arrived in Hawaii recently for three days of talks with U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific and U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC) personnel in the Senior Level Seminar.

Traditionally, the three services are represented at the SLS by up to nine general officers and senior colonels.

The seminar was established in December 2001 to promote mutual understanding between the JGSDF, MarForPac and USARPAC, and to improve the effectiveness

of the U.S.-Japan security alliance.

MarForPac hosted this sixth series in the Senior Level Seminar with the intent to provide continuing expansion of a positive and strong partnership with the JGSDF and USARPAC.

The seminars are also designed to deepen the strategic dialogue between the three services and help build a more capable and competent global partnership.

The SLS began at midday with an office call by the deputy commander of Pacific Command; the commanding general, USARPAC; and the commanding general of MarForPac. It ended with a welcome reception at the Kaneohe Bay

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Lance Cpl. Bernadette L. Ainsworth

**During the Senior Level Seminar, Mr. J.O. Park, director of base family housing, shows Japanese and American general officers and colonels new base housing units for junior enlist-**

**ed Marines with families.**



NEWS BRIEFS

1/12 to Host Family Day

Marines, Sailors and family members of 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, are invited to the unit’s Family Day celebration, today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The unit will share and enjoy the food, activities, and camaraderie that make 1/12 the greatest unit aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, said point of contact, 1st Lt. Anthony R. Smith, the battalion adjutant. For more info, call Smith at 257-3207.

State Alert to Sound Monday

The State Civil Defense monthly test of sirens and the Emergency Alert System will be held Monday at 11:45 a.m. The siren test is a steady 45-second tone, used to alert the public of any emergency that poses or may pose a threat to life and property. The siren signal alerts the public to turn on any radio or television for emergency information and instructions broadcast by civil defense agencies.

Tests of the State Civil Defense are conducted simultaneously in cooperation with Hawaii’s broadcast industry each month. Disaster preparedness information is located in the front section of the white pages of telephone directories.

Road Closures Resume

Construction along 3rd Street has resumed; therefore, all traffic is closed to motorists from the intersection of 3rd and “C” Streets (near the motor pool), including the intersection itself. Closure extends up to, but not including the intersection of 3rd and “B” Streets (near the flight line).

Duration of the street closures is anticipated to be approximately three months. For more information, contact Mr. Phil Lum at 257-2171, ext. 246.

Annual Retirees’ Day Set

Marine Corps Base Hawaii will host the 2004 Retiree Day, Thursday, Aug. 12 from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at the Staff NCO Club’s Fairways Ballroom. This event, organized by the Marine and Family Services’ Transition Assistance Management Program, will feature various booths and speakers, and a buffet luncheon.

Retirees interested in attending should contact Mr. Roberto Katekaru at 257-7795 or Mr. Jim Gardner at 257-7794.

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JVEF helps Hawaii schools

U.S. Pacific Command  
Press Release

In response to national perceptions that military family members were facing difficult issues in Hawaii’s public schools, U.S. Pacific Command, or USPACOM (under the leadership of Adm. Dennis C. Blair), initiated the creation of the Joint Venture Education Forum, or JVEF, in ‘99.

Bolstered by \$5 million appropriated by Congress through the efforts of Hawaii Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, members of each military service, the Coast Guard and Hawaii National Guard, joined school officials in the Department of Education (DOE) to form the core of JVEF.

Today, the director of Manpower, Personnel and Administration at USPACOM (Col. Edward Patrick) and Hawaii’s superintendent of education (Ms. Patricia Hamamoto) are the co-chairs of JVEF. Other members now include representatives from the business community, the state legislature and community organizations that are involved in education — an

increase from fewer than 20 members to more than 70 since 1999.

JVEF pursues a two-fold mission. It facilitates “interaction between the military community and Hawaii DOE” by opening “dialog on education concerns.” The partnership also assists with “transition challenges” faced by military children.

**Where does JVEF money go?**

Twenty-seven Hawaii public schools — each with military family members comprising at least 20 percent of the school’s enrollment — benefited from \$9.5 million in Army Corps of Engineers renovation projects in Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, when repair and maintenance backlog in Hawaii schools had reached a staggering \$640 million statewide. Yearly since then, the annual \$5 million has been allocated for multiple purposes.

A total of \$2.5 million has helped military-impacted and Title 1 schools purchase items. Another \$1.6 million (FY ‘01 through FY ‘04) has been used to support self-help volunteer projects at 140 partnership schools.

Military personnel regularly mentor in classrooms or roll up their sleeves, grab paint and brushes, wood and hammers, and other materials, to help children excel in an atmosphere conducive to learning.

Portions of the \$5 million also support technology improvements (\$4.4 million since FY ‘02) and playground installation (\$1.1 million at 19 schools since FY ‘02).

**What other JVEF support is provided?**

USPACOM and its subordinate commands also help Hawaii’s public schools well beyond the money spent directly on school projects. During the past five years, JVEF has worked with the state to place a military liaison on the State Board of Education, and with the DOE to draft legislation to more effectively secure federal impact aid funding.

JVEF was among the earliest supporters of Hawaii 3Rs (Repair, Remodel, Restore our schools) — a grassroots repair and maintenance

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School partnerships continue to shine

Public Affairs Office  
Hawaii Marine Staff

Through school liaison officers, or SLOs, the Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) promotes understanding and support for the needs of military children and families attending public schools here in Hawaii. SLOs help bring about educational support and focus on getting service members to volunteer, mentor, tutor and/or assist in a variety of activities in local Oahu schools.

Every year the JVEF conducts surveys to gauge what are the concerns of military parents who are arriving and departing from Hawaii, and JVEF funding aids subsequent programs.

According to Capt. Louie Narvaez, the Marine Corps SLO at MCB Hawaii, the JVEF allocated \$5 million in federal funding received in Fiscal Year 2004 in eight areas:

- \$1.2 million for technology, such as computers;
- \$1 million for bulk purchases of textbooks;
- \$1 million for Hawaii 3R’s projects (“Repair, Remodel, Restore Our Schools,” a nonprofit organization that partners with other agencies to accomplish larger-scale projects from the Hawaii Department of General Services’ backlog list);
- \$700,000 for school partnership/community outreach projects that went to 140 schools, each receiving roughly \$5,000;
- \$500,000 for repair and maintenance projects;
- \$300,000 for playgrounds;
- \$250,000 for discipline initiatives; and
- \$50,000 for administrative costs.

For more information about JVEF, visit [www.pacom.mil/jvef](http://www.pacom.mil/jvef).

“In order for Hawaii’s public schools to qualify for the partnership funding, they must be partnered with a military unit,” Narvaez explained.

Marine Corps units at Kaneohe Bay and Camp H. M. Smith are partnered with 23 public schools, 17 of which are located on the Windward side of the island.

Of the \$700,000 divided among the services to support FY ‘04 school partnership projects, \$115,000 was allocated for Marine Corps-partnered schools. Another \$20,000 was allocated to support projects at four Windward schools partnered with Navy units located at Kaneohe Bay.

The funding is used to purchase supplies and materials for the outreach projects, according to Narvaez. Volunteers from the school, unit or community provide labor or “sweat equity” required to complete each project, or help students use supplies and materials provided.

“The prerequisite for project approval,” explained Narvaez, “is that volunteers must be available and able to do the work to complete the project. For example, if a school uses its funds to buy new shelves for its library, the volunteers help with unloading the old shelves, disassembling them, putting up the new ones, then reloading the books.

“Volunteers do everything from reading to students and helping mentor in the classroom, to building fences, renovating ball courts and classrooms,” he continued. “When the units deploy, the schools have luncheons and other events for their Marines and Sailors, to show how grateful they are for all the help military volunteers provide.”

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Getting it Straight



In the “1/12 shakes Kauai” article on page A-3 of the of the July 23 *Hawaii Marine* the weapon was incorrectly referred to as the M107 howitzer. The weapon used in the exercise was an M198 155mm medium-towed howitzer.

Also, in the caption for the photo with same story, the Marines were stated as being from Bravo Company. They are from Bravo Battery.



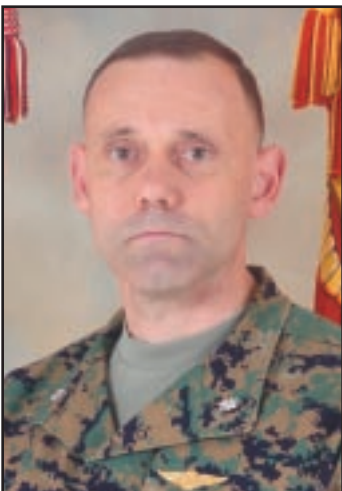
HEARNSBERGER

CSSG-3 to change command

Col. Brian Hearnberger will assume command of Combat Service Support Group 3 from Col. James E. Harbison in a change of command ceremony at Dewey Square aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Aug. 4 at 5 p.m. Hearnberger previously served as the I Marine Expeditionary Force deputy logistics officer, Camp Pendleton, Calif., and at Camp Al Fallujah, Iraq, from July 2003 to June 2004. Harbison is moving on to U.S. Central Command, Marine Forces Division, Marine Corps Training Assistance Group for a U.S. Military Training Mission to Saudi Arabia.



HARBISON



WATSON

MALS-24 welcomes new C.O.

Lt. Col. Walter R. Watson assumed command of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 from Lt. Col. Laura Jersey Sampsel in a change of command ceremony here, Wednesday. Watson previously served as maintenance officer for the Executive Flight Detachment of Marine Helicopter Squadron One. Sampsel will move on to serve as director of Retail Operations, Naval Inventory Control Point, Philadelphia, Pa.



SAMPSEL



# Letting the DIRT SETTLE

## Australian soldiers ‘came to learn from the best’ during exercise RIMPAC 2004

**Lance Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Australian soldiers exchanged places with Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, for seven weeks of training, which ended with Rim of the Pacific exercises aboard the USS Tarawa from July 5 – 21.

“We are proud to be a part of America’s Battalion,” said Maj. Tony Kaine, the commanding officer of Charlie Co., 2nd Bn., Royal Australian Regiment, during a farewell cookout with 3/3, July 23, aboard Kaneohe Bay.

The Aussies and U.S. Marines had participated in diverse training throughout most of July, which included becoming familiar with Marine Corps weaponry and qualifying during fast rope training. They also completed nuclear, biological, and chemical training; Egress dunker training; helicopter raids; and amphibious assaults, as part of a Battalion Landing Team during RIMPAC.

“We really emphasized training on the amphibious assaults during our stay here,” said Kaine. “We know the Marines are experts at this training, so we came to learn from the best.”

RIMPAC and several of the U.S. Marine Corps exercises were a first for many of the Aussies.

“This was the first time I’ve been to Hawaii, and the experience has been really great,” said Pvt. Simon Bridge, Charlie Co., 2nd Bn., Royal Australian Regiment. “Third Battalion, Third Marine Regiment, is a very professional unit to work with, and it was such a good experience to see how the Marines train and operate.

“I had never done fast-roping before, so that was really different for me,” added the Townsville, Australia, native. “It was a new experience, and I hope to get a chance to do it back at home in the future.”

During festivities July 23, Marines and Aussies competed during volleyball, soccer, football, softball and tug-of-war contests. A \$1 dunk tank competition allowed service members the opportunity to sink — if they could hit the target — individuals who were selected by vote.

Charlie Co. will commence readiness training to support its Ready Battalion Group when the unit returns to Australia. Then, next year, Australian armored units will trade places with units from Twentynine Palms, Calif., and another regiment will return to Hawaii to continue the exchange of military training in 2006.

Although optimistic about returning home, the Australian soldiers are a bit sad to leave, according to Kaine, who praised the level of support provided by 3/3 as “first class.”

“We were fully welcomed as the Australian Company of America’s Battalion, and we are extremely proud of that,” he said.

A CH-53D helicopter provides support during a RIMPAC amphibious raid aboard Marine Corps Training Area Bellows.



Pfc. Rich Mattingly



Left — Having finished RIMPAC exercises, officers struggle to come out victorious in a game of tug-of-war July 23, at the Aussies farewell barbecue.

Lance Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Right — Lance Cpls. Sueann Cheung (left) and Mildred Valentin, both with CSSG-3, monitor and communicate enemy troop movement during a RIMPAC amphibious assault scenario.



Petty Officer 2nd Class Bradley J. Sapp

# Word on the Street

## What was your last good deed?



“I gave some Marines stuck in Waikiki a ride home.”

**Lance Cpl. Jerome Lindsey**  
Rifleman  
India Co., 3/3



“I donated blood.”

**Lance Cpl. Joseph Hoffmeister**  
Radio technician  
Maintenance Co.,  
CSSG-3



“I bought a balloon for a little kid.”

**Cpl. Matthew Doyal**  
Radio technician  
Maintenance Co.,  
CSSG-3



“I saw someone drop twenty dollars, and I picked it up and gave it back to them.”

**Lance Cpl. Derek Norris**  
Scout sniper  
Headquarters and  
Service Company, 3/3



“I was the designated driver for some friends this weekend.”

**Pfc. Andrew Kopacek**  
Ammunition technician  
Alpha Co., 1/12



# Skinny Dragons close out RIMPAC with ‘aloha’

**Lt. j.g. Shawn Spooner**  
*Patrol Squadron 4*

Three weeks of continuous operations could be a pilot’s dream or a maintenance officer’s nightmare. The Skinny Dragons of Patrol Squadron 4 just completed the multinational exercise known as “Rim of the Pacific”, or RIMPAC. Military members from seven nations participated in the biggest international maritime event of 2004. Participants included the United States, Chili, Canada, Australia, Japan, Korea, and the United Kingdom. From maintenance aspects all the way down to hosting, squadron members performed their RIMPAC duties

superbly. “I’m very pleased with the way our squadron represented itself during RIMPAC,” said Cmdr. David Smith, VP-4’s commanding officer. “Our aircrews performed superbly on station, tracking difficult diesel submarines and providing critical intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance to the battle groups at sea, as well as the amphibious forces “storming” the beaches. “The maintenance team made it all happen and look easy,” Smith added. The Skinny Dragons flew 80 events that totaled more than 400 hours during the 19 days of RIMPAC. These milestones led to aircrews receiving 62

advanced crew qualifications, and increased squadron combat readiness by 38 percent. Seven combat crews achieved combat readiness. With all of the required RIMPAC missions, maintenance personnel were working day and night to ensure that planes were ready to fly. Skinny Dragons were tasked with ultimate responsibility for hosting and maintaining 24 different aircraft from seven of the allied countries and five U.S. squadrons. To perform the challenging anti-submarine warfare mission at the core of the RIMPAC exercise, the Aviation Ordnance Shop loaded more than 4,000 sonobuoys (underwater microphones used to detect submarines), an AGM-84 Harpoon missile and an AGM-65F Maverick missile. The shop’s hard work and dedication enabled the Skinny Dragons and the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance

team to meet every exercise objective. One of the added benefits of RIMPAC was the opportunity to interact with coalition forces to enhance the squadron’s interoperability. All seven participating nations found the Skinny Dragons eager to learn how each country’s military operates. However, RIMPAC wasn’t all work and no play. Many social and sporting events were held so that allies could partake of some traditional Hawaiian aloha. The culminating social event was held at Pyramid Rock Beach, July 22. A crowd of more than 1,000 gathered for the International Day Social, where the participants reflected on the hard work and successes accomplished by the entire team. U.S. Sailors and Marines “talked story” with service members of RIMPAC countries with great gusto. They wore squadron or unit shirts and exchanged souvenirs, and each country proudly served its finest food and drink, thus bringing a fitting end to RIMPAC for the Skinny Dragons and MCB Hawaii.



## ‘Honorary certificate’



Photo Courtesy of Dr. Diane Drigot

**HONOLULU — A 3rd District Honolulu City Councilmember honored Marine Corps Base Hawaii July 14 for its environmental and community efforts. On hand to accept the “Honorary Certificate” from Councilmember Barbara Marshall (center, right) were Mr. Randall Hu (left), Dr. Diane Drigot (center, left) and Lt. Col. Dean Levi (right), all with the MCB Hawaii Environmental Compliance and Protection Department. Since 1970, the base has received 28 environmental security awards in areas such as pollution prevention, natural resources conservation and environ-**

**mental quality. The base has also been recognized with other awards in the areas of cultural resources management and environmental protection. The councilmember commended military, family and civilian employees of MCB Hawaii for their assistance in cleaning up Kailua and Waimanalo beaches, hosting Youth Physical Fitness testing for local high school students on base, providing more than 2,000 volunteers each year to support Special Olympics Hawaii programs, and for adopting 14 Windward Oahu schools through the MCB Hawaii School Partnership program.**

## ‘Tactical to Practical’ films P-3 capabilities with VP-4

**Lt. j.g. Shawn Spooner**  
*Patrol Squadron 4*

The cast and crew of “The History Channel” visited the Skinny Dragons of Patrol Squadron 4, July 16, to acquire footage for its informative new series “Tactical to Practical.” Filming took place as VP-4 was running full speed ahead during Rim of the Pacific exercises. The event was the first work on a documentary covering the history and use of the P-3 Orion since its inception back in the early 1960s, and the role that spin-off technology might play outside the military. It was Richard Franck that said “necessity is the mother of invention,” and few situations rival military necessity. However, many solutions to military problems have meaningful application to everyday life. “Tactical to Practical” is a new one-hour program that explores innovations developed for combat that have

evolved into useful tools outside the military. Hunter Ellis, a former F/A-18 Hornet pilot and a former contestant on the hit reality show “Survivor,” hosts the cable show. In his 10 years of service, Hunter completed two Middle East deployments in support of Operations Southern Watch, Desert Strike and Desert Fox. He has logged more than 2,000 hours in the Hornet and completed more than 400 carrier landings. The “Tactical to Practical” crew received a tour of the P-3 and took the opportunity to interview a combat aircrew. After the tour, Ellis signed autographs and chatted with Skinny Dragons. “Hunter Ellis was very cordial and very eager to talk with us,” said Petty Officer 3rd Class Steve Hebert, an aviation technician. The “Tactical to Practical” episode featuring the P-3 is due to air during the third week in October.

# ‘Best of the best’ yards honored

**Cpl. Jessica M. Mills**  
*Sports Editor*

The commanding general of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, recognized nine Yard of the Quarter awardees for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2004 at his home overlooking Pyramid Rock Beach, Tuesday.

The Command Barracks of the Quarter (Barracks 7059, belonging to

Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment) and the Command Area of the Quarter (belonging to 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment) were also recognized during the ceremony.

The Yard of the Quarter program is hosted by the Family Housing Office here, and encompasses all nine of the Family Housing areas throughout MCB Hawaii,

including Camp H. M. Smith and Manana Housing areas.

“Basically, we are looking for the ‘Better Homes and Gardens’ ideal,” said Glenn Lambert, the Yard of the Quarter program manager here. “The yard should be aesthetically pleasing; it should be the most premiere home in all the quarters.”

The base inspector and Lambert scan and select winners. Criteria include the best edging, mowing and trimming jobs in each section. Other landscaping features add to the appeal of selected yards.

“These award winners are the best of the best,” said Lambert. “These homes stood out above all the rest for this quarter, which lasts from July 1st until September 30th,” he explained. “Each new quarter, we wipe the slate clean, so whoever puts in the most effort will win.”

All Yard of the Quarter award winners received a Certificate of Achievement signed by McAbee, as well as one of his coveted “one-star flag coins.”

The Marine Forces Pacific Band also attended the ceremony, and performed in honor of the recipients.



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

**Winners of the Yard of the Quarter contest receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the base commanding general (kneeling at center), Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, in addition to his one-star flag coin.**



## 4th Quarter 2004 Yard of the Quarter Award Winners

Petty Officer 2nd Class Elton and Dawn Garner  
Rainbow Housing Area

Sgt. Daniel and Jolynn Kemp  
Hana Like Housing Area

Sgt. Tessa and John Rice  
PaHonua Housing Area

Petty Officer 1st Class Michael and Suzanne Choplin  
Ulupau/Nani Ulupau Housing Area

Petty Officer 1st Class Ernest and Vicki Lyons  
Hawaii Loa Housing Area

Gunnery Sgt. Dan and Dana Barrett  
Capehart Housing Area

Chief Petty Officer Lisa and Byron Oliver  
Manana/Camp Smith Housing Area

1st Sgt. David and Amanda Cadd  
FY97 Housing Area

Lt. Col. Jeffrey and Tammy Zeller  
Hilltop/Hillside/Pond Road Housing Area

Barracks 7059, Kilo Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines  
Command Barracks of the Quarter

1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment  
Command Area of the Quarter



SCHOOLS, From A-2

Units and public schools interested in participating in the MCB Hawaii School Partnership Program can contact Narvaez at 257-2110, ext. 281.

“We encourage the interest,” said Narvaez, “and we are constantly looking for more ways to help. Because there are more schools than we have units, we can’t partner with all of them, and because our units deploy to other parts of the world, sometimes a school’s unit volunteers are far away,” he explained. “But the units do their best to support their partnered schools while they are here, and to explain why sometimes they have to go.”

POOL, From A-1

**Co-Use**  
The Department of Defense has classified all base swimming

pools as recreation pools or Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Category B programs. Therefore, when an installation does not have a swim qualifica-

tion tank available for military use, most often the recreational pool is shared for this purpose. Such is the case for the base swimming pool aboard Kaneohe Bay.

Since construction, the base swimming pool has taken on a greater training role with the addition of the Helicopter Egress Trainer. This training is vital to the safety of our Marines and Sailors who are frequently transported over water in combat helicopters and aircraft. However, ample space is available for unit training purposes and summer swim lessons to be conducted concurrently.

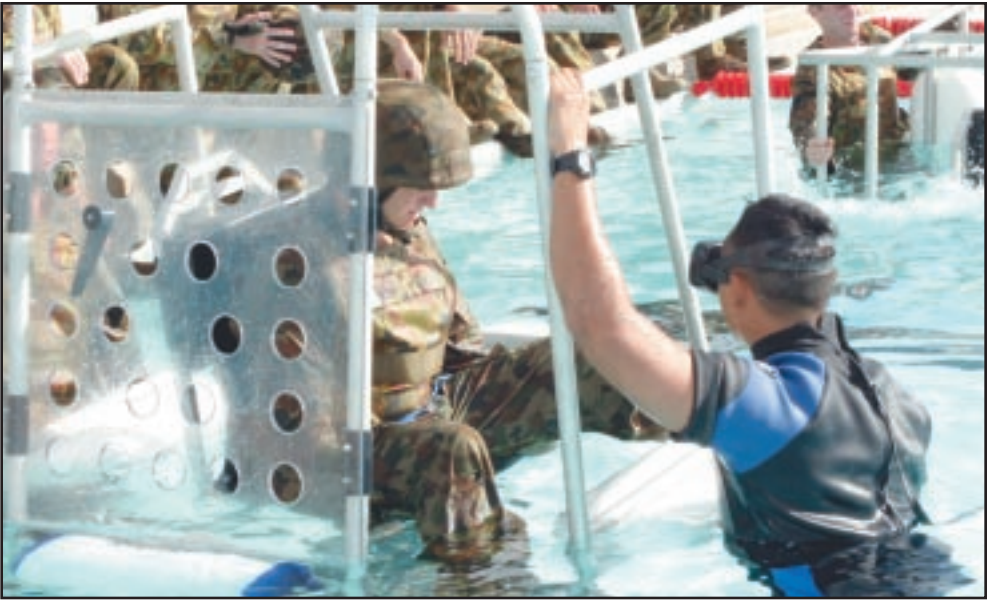
Overlap of pool functions, requiring co-usage, normally occurs during the 10-week swimming classes from 9 to 11 a.m.,

daily. This co-usage has been in place for the last three summers, almost without incident.

**Rule #20**  
Nonetheless, some parents are concerned that Marines and Sailors undergoing training often use inappropriate language in the presence of children during co-use periods. Service members are reminded of Rule #20 in the standing operating procedures of MCCS Aquatics, which states, “The use of vulgar language and profanity is prohibited.”

Inappropriate language is just that. Service members who disregard this policy will suffer consequences imposed by appropriate leaders and supervisors.

As well, all lifeguards — whether military or civilian — have been empowered to act quickly and appropriately in response to any one in violation of this rule, at any time.



Pfc. Rich Mattingly

**Marine Corps Base Hawaii water safety instructors teach soldiers from Charlie Co., 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, how to escape a submerged helicopter during training at the base pool. The pool can also be used for recreational purposes.**

SEP, From A-1

excessive time away from their primary MOS,” explained Morgan.

The program sends accepted officers to the Naval Postgraduate School. The school’s main purpose is to increase the combat effectiveness of the Navy and Marine Corps. However, in order to receive the desired effective results, certain rules apply.

In accordance with the submission process, each applicant is screened by the appropriate school that coincides with his or her discipline. Applicants are required to list at least one discipline, but they are not limited to only one. Their selections, however, should be listed in order of preference.

Selected officers will attend school in 2005.

Individuals interested in the SEP program can find out more information at [https://lnweb1.manpower.usmc.mil/manpower/mi/mra\\_ofct.nsf/mmoa/Graduate+Education](https://lnweb1.manpower.usmc.mil/manpower/mi/mra_ofct.nsf/mmoa/Graduate+Education), or by calling DSN 278-9284.

Again, the deadline is Aug. 10.

According to MARADMIN 221/04, accepted applications must come from officers with interests in the following disciplines:

- Acquisition and Contract MGMT
- Combat SYS Science and Tech
- Computer Science
- Defense Systems Analysis
- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental English and Science
- Financial Management
- Information Systems Technician
- Information Warfare
- Joint C4I
- Leadership Development
- Manpower Systems Analysis
- Material Logistics Support
- Modeling Virtual Environmental Simulation
- Operations Analysis
- Public Affairs
- Space Systems Operations
- Systems Acquisition Management

## 3RD RADIO: Happy to be home

From A-1

while in Iraq.

“You have to concentrate on your job so others can do their job,” he said. “You can’t get distracted because then you won’t be able to fulfill your mission.”

The support of his family, Willson said, made things easier.

“We’re proud of what he does, that he’s chosen to be a Marine and

serve his country,” said Kris Willson, his wife.

“I’m sad to leave Iraq because I still have Marines out there,” Charles Willson said. “But I’m happy to be home with my family.”

The remaining Marines of the forward deployed 3rd Radio Battalion are scheduled to return home sometime in September.



SEMINAR, From A-1

Officers’ Club.

The second day of the seminar began with opening remarks and talks on transformation and modernization and Operation Iraqi Freedom updates from each service. Then, later in the afternoon, guests were treated to a brief tour of

Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

During the tour, senior leaders visited the Child Development Center, new enlisted housing, and new bachelor enlisted quarters.

The third day consisted of a full day of seminars, culminating with a Ground Safety Officer hosted dinner at the O’ Club.

JVEF, From A-2

initiative of Sen. Inouye. JVEF has contributed a total of \$2.7 million to Hawaii 3Rs since 2001, and the military has provided countless volunteer hours to help with 3R projects in schools across the state.

Faculties of local schools also benefit with JVEF. Working together, a group of military and DOE representatives developed a “Military Culture Course,” now being offered as part of professional development and relicensing requirements for teachers.

Since Fall ‘01, the 18-hour course has been offered to Radford, Moanalua, Leilehua, Kalaleo, Campbell and



Kapolei High School complexes for more than 125 teachers, counselors and administrators.

In addition, JVEF organizers, working with Army sponsorship, have twice offered a free, two-day “Transition Counselor Institute” for school counselors.

Further, more than 30 principals in Hawaii’s public schools have consolidated their efforts to promote awareness of and develop problem-solving skills needed to deal with transition issues unique to military impacted schools.

The principals lobbied the Hawaii legislature to create a military liaison position in DOE, and to create a task force to study the issues at their schools.

Hawaii is the only location

with a school liaison officer (SLO) in each major branch of service. In July, Hawaii’s SLOs represented the state at the Military Child Education Coalition conference in Colo.

One of the more significant initiatives of JVEF has been taken in response to Hawaii School Study, sponsored by USPACOM. The study includes a customer satisfaction survey for military families with children attending public schools. The results of the 2002 and 2003 surveys are currently being used to guide JVEF initiatives in technology, textbooks, marketing and transition.

The JVEF was the springboard for the recent and long-needed opening of a “Troops to Teachers” office in Hawaii. With the large number of military personnel here who retire or separate from

the military each year, and with Hawaii’s near-crisis-level teacher shortage, a Troops to Teachers program, said the JVEF, was a logical answer to a situation of limited supply and high demand.

Collaboration among military, schools and many other interested individuals and organizations is rapidly expanding in Hawaii, added Narvaez. More than 250 people, including Adm. Thomas Fargo (U.S. Pacific Command), Hawaii’s Gov. Linda Lingle, several flag and general officers, and many business, community, government and education leaders will attend the third annual JVEF meeting in late Aug.

The collaborative environment, said the JVEF, creates a clear “win-win” situation for everyone involved — the reason for JVEF’s success.